

The Speaker announced the following appointments in accordance with the orders of the House:

*Clerk to the committee on Engrossed Bills and Resolutions*—John H. Price.

*Clerk to the committee on Elections*—Eugene L. Didier.

On motion of Mr. Tyson,

The House adjourned until to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

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WEDNESDAY, Feb. 17, 1864.

The House met, and was opened with prayer by the Rev. Mr. Owen, Chaplain of the House.

Present at the call of the roll the following members:

Messrs. Kemp, Speaker, Martin, Henkle, Griffith, Ireland, Davis, Carrico, Wright, Pearce, of Baltimore county, Lester, Kerr, Mathews, Hyland, Handy, Elliott, Brohawn, Jones, Boulden, Hance, Pierce, of Queen Anne's county, Tolson, Duncan, Smith, Murray, of Worcester county, Hammond, Buhrman, Biggs, Rinehart, Snyder, McCoy, Archer, Ridgeway, Silverwood, Chappell, Stevens, Stockbridge, Lee, Murray, of Baltimore city, Dundon, Mules, Boswell, Cushwa, Masters, Miller, Gantz, Zeigler, Fawcett, Young, Greene, Shaw, Brown, Hebb, Ecker, Waters, Starr and Sykes.

The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Mr. McCoy presented a petition from Samuel W. Maris and ninety-eight citizens of Harford county, asking that a law be enacted to tax dogs for the protection of sheep;

Which was read and referred to the committee on Dogs and Sheep.

Mr. Hebb presented a petition from William Sims, Emanuel Custer and others, enlisted soldiers of the Third Regiment Potomac Home Brigade, praying for relief;